

## CMH Waiver Assessment Tool

### Behavior Attachment

#### **Self-injurious Behavior**

- Hitting, biting or slapping self
- Head banging
- Pulling own hair
- Scratching self
- Picking skin or scabs
- Cutting on self

#### **Verbal Aggression**

- Profanity
- Back talk
- Threats to harm self or others or to destroy property
- Name calling

#### **Physical Aggression**

- Hitting, kicking, spitting, scratching, pinching, etc.
- Throwing things at others
- Physical intimidation or threatening posturing

#### **Destruction**

- Tearing
- Burning
- Throwing
- Cutting
- Smashing
- Taking things apart
- Breaking other's belongings

#### **Stereotypical, Repetitive Behavior**

- Pacing
- Rocking
- Grinding teeth
- Twirling fingers or objects
- Eating disorder
- Smearing feces
- Rectal digging (no injury)
- Wandering

#### **Antisocial Behavior**

- Swearing
- Inappropriate touching
- Dishonesty
- Inappropriate body noises
- Cheating
- Stealing or lack of respect for the property of others
- Inappropriate elimination
- Illegal activities

#### **Depressive Symptoms**

- Isolation
- Withdrawal from previous interests, activities or relationships
- Difficulty eating or significant change in eating patterns

- Difficulty sleeping, excessive sleeping or significant change in sleeping patterns
- Talk of suicide or self harm
- Excessive thoughts of death

#### **Elopement**

- Running away
- Lack of accountability for whereabouts

#### **Risky or Inappropriate Sexual Behavior**

- Inappropriate masturbation
- Public masturbation
- Inappropriate heterosexual or homosexual behavior
- Unprotected sexual activity

#### **Eating Disorder**

- As specified in the DSM-IV

#### **Abuse of Chemicals or Alcohol**

- Misuse of Rx meds
- Use of illegal substances, including alcohol
- Misuse of over the counter medications
- Huffing or snorting a substance

**Family/caregiver Attachment**

- Lack of adequate or appropriate clothing for the weather

**Physical Abuse**

- Physical harm of a child in the home by a caregiver
- Actions of family/caregiver result in physical harm of a child in their care
- Physical harm of a child by an adult in the home

**Sexual Abuse**

- Inappropriate sexual contact or sexualized behavior with a child
- Sexual harm or poor boundaries toward a child

**Neglect in Meeting the Child's Needs**

- Inadequate or unsanitary shelter
- Inadequate nutrition
- Inadequate medical or dental care
- Lack of follow through with recommendations regarding mental health issues of the child

**Parental/Caregiver Substance Use Issues**

- Use of alcohol or other substances interferes with their ability to provide effective parenting
- Child witnesses use of illegal substances or parent/caregiver in an inebriated state
- Child is exposed to illegal substance use by others in the home
- Issues that require parent/caregiver to place the child with others to address their substance use issues

**Parental/Caregiver Mental Health Issues**

- Issues that interfere with parent/caregiver ability to provide effective parenting
- Issues that require parent/caregiver to place the child with others to address their mental health issues

**Parental/Caregiver Medical Issues**

- Issues that interfere with parent/caregiver ability to effectively parent or care for the child
- Issues that require parent/caregiver to place the child with others to address their own medical issues

**Parental/Caregiver Criminal Issues**

- Issues that cause the child to be at risk
- Issues that require parent/caregiver to place the child with others due to their criminal behavior (incarceration)
- Issues that interfere with parent/caregiver ability to effectively parent or care for the child

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### **Domestic Violence**

- Violence in the home that place the child at risk
- Violence in the home witnessed by the child that models aggressive/assaultive behavior

### **Siblings with Special Needs**

- Another child in the home has special needs that interfere with parent/caregiver ability to meet the special needs of the child applying for SED Waiver

### **Housing Issues**

- Risk of losing housing
- History of excessive moves that interfere with providers ability to provide services
- Unsanitary housing conditions
- Unsafe housing conditions
- Housing insufficient for the number of people residing in the home

### **Financial Issues**

- Risk of not being able to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing for the child
- Loss of employment adding to family pressures
- Lack of access to health care

### **Definition of Terms**

- Potential for lethality (suicidality)- the action taken by the child could have resulted in death.
- Low risk of lethality- actions taken are more likely due to an attempt to gain attention rather than a serious attempt to kill themselves. (Ex. Placing something around neck with adults present who would most likely intervene, overdose of medication that would not reasonably lead to death, scratching on wrists that does not require sutures, holding breath until unconscious; jumping from a height likely to result in sprain or injury but most likely not death, etc.)

- Superficial self harmful behaviors- behaviors such as scratching not requiring sutures, picking until bleeding, head banging not resulting in injury or concussion, rubbing skin raw, etc.
- Substance use-use of any illegal drug, including alcohol AND/OR use of a drug in a manner not indicated on the prescription or on the over-the-counter label.